TEAMS JUDGE AT RUSTBURG

On November 2 the dairy judging teams of the Appomattox Jr. FFA Chapter traveled to Rustburg to participate in the Hub Federation Dairy Judging Contest. The teams placed 3rd and 4th out of 5 teams in the Junior Contest. The Junior Chapter was very pleased to have the 6th high scoring individual of the contest on their team, Ned Jennings scored 250 points out of a possible 300. Members of the team are first row - Jeff Porton, Ned Jennings, Karl Ewers, Richard Jones, Dennis Stratton, Second row - Timmy Tolley, Roger Walton, Leonard McCormick.

SCOUTS VISIT COLE'S DAIRY

Last week Scouts of Pack 546, Den 2 of Appomattox visited Cole's Dairy. Those making the tour of the dairy were, front, Contadina Thompson, visitor; scouts Michael Roach, Leon Watkins, Cleve Jones, Bobby Hart, Donald Martin and Mike Hansen. Leaders are Hazel Mayberry with Brenda Thompson as Assistant Leader, Mike Carter is Den Chief.

Following the tour of the dairy, the group was served chocolate milk and cookies.

COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKER OFFICERS

The Appomattox County Extension officers for 1977 are, from left: Mrs. Fannie Farrar, Federation Goal Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Ethel Evans, Chairman-Elect; Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, Treasurer; Mrs. Isabelle Coleman, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Edith Morris, Secretary; and Mrs. Katie Martin, Reporter.

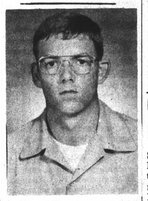
APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY PTA TO SPONSOR READING PROGRAM

The Appomattox Elementary Parent Teachers Association will sponsor a program on how parents can assist their children with reading Monday at 7:30 p.m., November 15, 1976 at the Appomattox Elementary School Auditorium. Featured will be Dr. Beatrice Bland, Professor of Education at Longwood College, who is a specialist in reading. She has taught at Longwood for 12 years and has lectured frequently to various clubs and organizations on education. Dr. Bland who has Doctorate in Education from the University of Virginia, holds numerous membeships in professional clubs and organizations and is currently President of the Farmville District of the United Methodist Women. Dr. Bland was selected to appear in the 1973 edition of **Outstanding Educators of America** and has served as consultant to various textbooks some of which have been used in local schools including Appomattox.

Her presentation November 15 will be geared toward explaining to parents how they can assist their children with reading habits.

The Elementary PTA invites all parents and patrons to attend this session with Dr. Bland.

Roland B. Murphy
President



COMPLETES TRAINING IN AIR FORCE

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. - Airman Robert A. Fitzgerald, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Fitzgerald, Rt. 1, Appomattox, has graduated with honors at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the U. S. Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Airman Fitzgerald, who was trained to maintain, repair and service aircraft currently in use by the Air Force, is being assigned to Myrtle Beach, AFB, S.C., for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command. Completion of the course enables the airman to receive academic credits through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman is a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Robert A. Fitzgerald, Jr.

Richard Jones, Appomattox FFA President, is presented a new FFA publication by Tracey Cooter, State Vice-President.

Area FFA Chapters Met Nov. 4

Six area F. F. A. chapters met Nov. 4, 1976, at the Appomattox Middle School to attend a Leadership Training Conference conducted by the advisors of the chapters and hosted by the Appomattox Jr. Chapter.

Thirty-two F.F. A. members participated in the Conference, each officers in their respective chapters. The program included individual training sessions for each of the eight F. F. A. offices including: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Chaplain, Historian. Some of the activities in the sessions involved planning meetings, planning activities, planning a program of work, photography, writing minutes, balancing a chapter budget, setting up a meeting room, and preparing devotions.

The highlight of the evening was a special presentation by two state F. F. A. officers, Tracey Cooter, Vice President, and Albert Epperly - Treasurer who discussed ways that chapters can develop community service projects.

Named To Mental Health

Mrs. James Bollinger of Spout Spring, was named Mental Health Chairperson for the December '76 campaign, announced Lawrence A. Davies, President of the Mental Health Association of Virginia.

As Chairperson, Mrs. Bollinger will recruit volunteers to go house-to-house during December.

The Mental Health Association of Virginia is a citizens' volunteer organization with members dedicated to informing the public about mental illness and mental health, while helping the mentally ill and their families.

As citizen advocates, the association works to see that government funds are spent effectively. Members would like to see a greater emphasis in state mental health dollars go to children and community mental health services.

The Mental Health Association believes that education is a key factor in preventing mental health problems, and offers free literature to the public on alcoholism, children's mental health, sexuality, depression and other mental health topics. For informaiton, write to the Mental Health Association of Virginia, 1806 Chantilly Street, Suite 203, Richmond, Va. 23230.

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Recently a Teacher-Aide Handbook Committee was organized to develop a guide for the Appomattox County School System. Among items discussed by the group were: an appropriate name for the teacher assistant; history of the program; personnel policies concerning the teacher assistants; roles and responsibilities; and evaluation procedures.

Pictured above are Mrs. Catherine Jackson, Pamplin Elementary Aide; Mrs. Pat Torrence, Chairman; Mrs. Wanda Simpson, Appomattox Primary Teacher; Mr. Dan Davis, Title 1 Coordinator; Mrs. Sandra Mitchell, Appomattox County High School Aide; Miss Margaret Dickerson, Appomattox Elementary Teacher; Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor; and Mrs. Harriett Redding, Appomattox Elementary Aide. Not pictured is Mrs. Janice Smith of the Appomattox Primary School Aide program.

General discussion concluded that paraprofessionals have gained wide acceptance throughout Appomattox County. The number of pupils per class and the desire of the teacher to provide increased individualized instruction for pupils has made it more and more apparent that teacher assistants can make a significant contribution to pupil learning by relieving teachers of many clerical duties so that they can give more professional individual attention to pupils.

Paraprofessionals are vital forces in supplementing and enriching the total school program. Further, paraprofessionals (or teacher-aides) do enhance community understanding of school needs and promote better school-community relations.

Wheeler Receives Highest FFA Degree

Tommy Wheeler of Appomattox has been nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, highest degree presented by the National FFA Organization. Tommy was nominated for the degree by the Virginia FFA Association. The nomination was approved at a recent meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors in Alexandria, Virginia. One of 747 FFA members nominated for the American Farmer Degree, Tommy will receive the degree in a special ceremony on Thursday, November 11, pending a final vote of approval of 119 student delegates representing over half a million FFA members.

Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler of Appomattox and is currently attending college at VPI & SU.

He earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his work at Wilson's Landing and his many positions of leadership within the Appomattox FFA Chapter.

Tommy's high school vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor is Dennis Torrence of Appomattox.

The American Farmer Degree is a highly coveted award because it is presented to approximately one member in 700 of the 500,385 total FFA membership. It is presented only by the National FFA Organization to members who have demonstrated exceptional agricultural and leadership ability.

Each American Farmer Degree recipient will be presented a gold key and certificate by the National FFA Organization. Recipients who attend the convention also receive a check from the National FFA Foundation to help pay their travel expenses.

First Baptist

Family Day will be held Nov. 14 Sunday School begins at 9:45. Morning Worship service at 11:00. A special program will be held at 7:00 P.M. with Mr. Carl B. Hutchinson, Jr. and a soloist from Lynchburg, will be our guests. There will be other talented persons from the community appearing on the program. We are inviting our family, friends and co-workers to come and worship with us. Benefit of the Building Fund.

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Oakville

Sorry Mrs. Dennis Drinkard is still a patient at the Medical College Hospital in Richmond. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Visitors of Mrs. Maggie Gardner & Ethel during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Almond, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mr. William deaner, Mrs. Elizabeth Covington & Jane Russell, Miss Gaye Phelps and Mrs. Faye Cawthorne & Shawna Faye.

Mrs. Dora Coleman, Mrs. Clark Lewis, Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson were in Richmond Thursday visiting Mrs. Coleman's niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Kitchen. Mrs. Kitchen has been sick for some time and is now a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. Our prayers are with her.

Mrs. Thelma Waters of Bon Air, Mrs. Louise Casby, Mrs. Vela Tatum and Mrs. Arlene Lorente of Richmond were luncheon guests of Mrs. Marshall Martin on Thursday.

Mr. Harold Martin, Lewis & Hunter visited Mrs. Marshall Martin Saturday afternoon.

Sorry to hear Mr. Floyd Moore is a patient in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marshall entertained at their home Sunday with a dinner honoring Mrs. Marshall's father, Mr. Clarke Moore on his 76th birthday. Those attending the dinner were Davy Marshall, Mr. Clarke Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mrs. Graydon Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Banton, Mrs. Sue Johnson, Mrs. Lou Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin & Steve, and Miss Rita Ferguson.

Mrs. Marshall Martin spent Sunday night with her daughter Mrs. Lee Punkett.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Martin entertained with a dinner party on Thursday evening honoring the birthdays of J. G. Martin, Mr. Martin's father, James Lucado, their son-in-law and Master Matthew Foster, their grandson. Others present for the occasion were Mrs. J. G. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore, Mrs. James Lucado, Mrs. Ruth Clapp, Greg Martin and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Foster.

The Mt. Comfort United Methodist Women will meet Thursday evening at the church at 7:30.

County Line

The "Palestine Quarette" from Huddleston, Va., will be appearing at Central Baptist Church Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m. sponsored by the Adult Class of Central Church.

A large group from Central enjoyed the hay ride on Saturday night and also the weiner roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. "Pete" Banton.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash and Wendy to our community. They have moved into their new home.

Mr. Herman Guill is on the sick list. Mrs. Richard Nash spent Saturday night and Sunday with him.

Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn spent Sunday with Mr. H. D. Jennings and visited her brother, Carroll in the hospital who has pneumonia.

The County Line Homemakers Club will meet with Mrs. Richard Nash Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

We're sorry to report Mrs. Henry Mann was taken back to the hospital Sunday night. We hope her stay won't be long.

Mr. Billy Cheatham is in the hospital where he underwent surgery. We wish for him a speedy recovery. He's the father of Mrs. Billy Moore.

We're glad Mr. Emery Mullins is getting along nicely after having surgery on his eye. He returned home from the hospital Sunday.

Mr. Victor Jones, of Newport News, spent Thrusday night with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Layne and family, of Rustburg, Mrs. Elijah Cawthorne and Mrs. Ella Fleshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson, of Ohio, spent the week end with Mrs. Laura Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones visited Mrs. Paul Nash at Duke Hospital in North Carolina Sunday.

Mrs. Jimmy Howard and children visited Mrs. Arthur Mullins Friday afternoon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Loretta Mayberry. Her grandfather passed away on Monday.

Carolyn Grishaw

Who's Who In FBLA

The girl for the month of November is a Senior and has been very active in FBLA for three years. She was a delegate at the State Convention in April, attended planning meeting in August, participated in programs at the September meeting. Attended the Fall Workshop at Longwood, sold Cherrydale Candy, worked on the Homecoming float, and worked in the booth for Railroad Day. She is chairman of the Banquet and Social Committee.

The girl of the month for November is the Chaplain of our chapter. She is Carolyn Grishaw, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw.

Pamplin

The Pamplin Chapter of AARP will meet Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 P.M. at the United Methodist Church Educational Building. The agenda for the meeting will be nominations of officers for the coming year. The program includes a piano recital.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Neely and Mrs. Helen Ramey of Danville visited his sister, Mrs. Ed Blackburn last week end.

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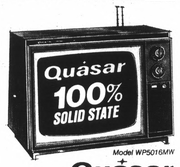

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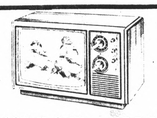

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